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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH DIALLO/SENEGAL RE DAKAR FIR

1. DIALLO AND US REP MET INFORMALLY DISCUSS SUMMER ACTIVITIES
AND REVIEW CONTACTS (SEPTTEL RE ASSEMBLY). TOWARD END DISCUSSION
DIALLO SAID WHILE IN DAKAR HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO PARTICIPATE
IN MEETING WITH GOS MIN. TRANSPORT, DIR-GEN CIVIL AVIATION, AND
REP FOREIGN AFFAIRS REGARDING GROWING SOUTH ATLANTIC TRAFFIC
AND INADEQUACY DAKAR FIR. HIS SUGGESTION IN MEETING WAS TO TAKE
LONG RANGE PLANNING VIEW AND CONSIDER TWO OR THREE OCEAN STA-
TIONS. IN THE MEETING HE SAID SUCH AN APPROACH SHOULD BE MULTI-
LATERAL PARTICULARLY AMONG SENEGAL, BRAZIL AND THE UNITED
STATES (BORDERING FIR'S). HE SAID HE CAUTIONED THAT SUCH AN
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APPROACH WAS A MAJOR UNDERTAKING AND A VERY EXPENSIVE ONE, BUT

IF SOME INTEREST WERE PRESENT AMONG STATES INVOLVED PERHAPS
CONSIDERATION COULD BEGIN LOOKING TO FIVE YEARS FROM NOW WHEN
DAKAR COULD NO LONGER CONTROL THE SOUTH PACIFIC TRAFFIC.

2. US REP ASKED IF DIALLO HAD ANY OBJECTION TO REPORTING THIS
INTERNAL GOS DISCUSSION TO USG. HE SAID "NOT AT ALL AND MAYBE
WE COULD GET SOME TALKS GOING."

3. US REP MENTIONED DIALLO COMPLAINT OF LAST YEAR THAT ROBERTS-
FIELD FIR AND PANAM WERE CREATING PROBLEMS FOR DAKAR FIR. HE
SHRUGGED THIS OFF SAYING "NO PROBLEM" -- THAT FREETOWN AND
ROBERTSFIELD FIR'S WERE "SUB-REGIONS" WITHIN DAKAR FIR AND HE
WAS CONCERNED WITH THE GREATER PROBLEM FACING ALL OF THEM IN
A FEW YEARS.

4. ALTHOUGH DIALLO FACETIOUSLY MENTIONED US AND BRAZIL AS "HAVING
MONEY" RE OSV'S, HE IMPLIED HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF MULTI-
LATERAL ARRANGEMENT EVEN A NAOS APPROACH. AT ONE POINT HE MEN-
TIONED "ALL WEST AFRICAN COUNTRIES ALONG ROUTE ATR-38". HE
MENTIONED THE VESSEL PARTICIPATING IN WMO RESEARCH RE SAHEL
DROUGHT AS BEING VERY IMPRESSIVE. (HE DID NOT MENTION AEROSAT
OR OTHER ALTERNATIVES.)

5. DIALLO SAID NEW DIR-GEN ASECNA (GABON) ALREADY IN MONTREAL
FOR ASSEMBLY. SUGGESTED VERY PRELIMINARY INFORMAL TALKS WITH
HIM. FYI. BUTTERFIELD-CAREY MAY WANT TO DISCUSS DAKAR FIR
PROBLEMS INFORMALLY DURING ASSEMBLY PERIOD AS TECHNICAL
PROBLEM. END FYI.
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